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what's UP on campus

• Beware Freshmen

Have you made any mistakes you regret? Upperclassmen will introduce the 1997 freshman class along with their faults at this year's Freshman Welcome celebration. The skits will be presented in Jansen Music Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.

• Easy Money

Will your extraordinary talent finally pay off? Can you sing, dance, tell jokes, play an instrument or do you have some crazy and unusual act up your sleeve?

Enter UNITY's Talent Show to be held on Friday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Lecture Hall. Prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded to the three winners. To enter, contact Ardell Sanders, X6535 or MS 815 before midnight on Thursday, Dec. 4.

• Attention Seniors

A Recognition Liturgy for students completing degrees in December will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17 in the Sacred Heart Chapel. A reception will follow in the Atrium. To attend the reception, call Bev Huber at X6406 by Dec. 10.

AIDS Week Observances

Clarke students reminded of the toll and "the danger that is out there"

By MICHELLE ANSEL
Staff Reporter

In the US there is one AIDS-related death every 15 minutes, and someone is infected with HIV every 13 minutes, according to the Center for Disease Control.

AIDS is sweeping through our nation, killing victims, both young and old.

It is mainly transferred through sexual contact, sharing drug needles, blood to blood contact and breast milk.

There are as many as 1.5 million Americans affected by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. About one-half of these people will develop AIDS within 10 years.

At Clarke, students need to realize the danger that is out there. December is Aids Awareness month.

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Senior Shilpi Kapil, freshman Sarah Lehman, and John Mosher, director of campus ministry, gather around a panel of the AIDS quilt in the Sacred Heart Chapel. The quilt will be on display through Sunday, Dec. 7.

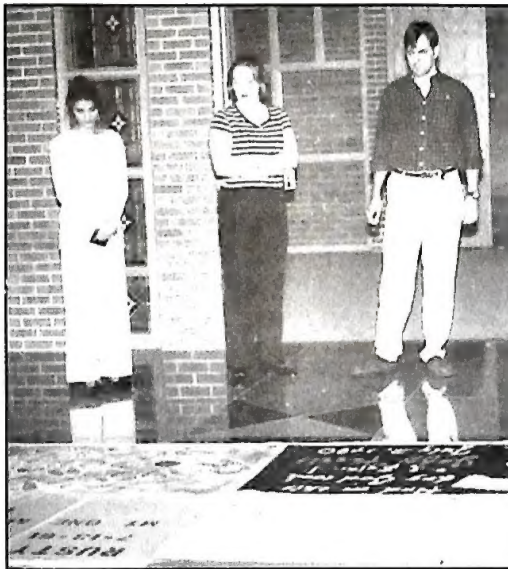


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Sarah Davidson, senior religious studies major, was one of the students who read the names of those who have died of AIDS aloud Monday. "It was a powerful experience for me. I read for 45 minutes. I started alphabetically with the 'A-ds' and didn't get to the 'A-ns.' They would give an age and I could see how many babies and children have died. It was also powerful to be reading over the mic in the Atrium and hear it spoken into that large, open space."

Kwanzaa holiday comes to Clarke

By ATSUHITO ENOKI
Staff Reporter

Kwanzaa, meaning first fruits of the harvest, is an African-American holiday that began in the late 1960s. Kwanzaa celebrates the culture created by African-Americans as they traveled to America and the traditional West African culture.

Kwanzaa is a seven day spiritual holiday beginning after Christmas and continuing through the New Year's holiday.

Clarke will be celebrating the event on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

A brown bag lunch is scheduled at noon in the Mary Josita Formal to talk about the history, symbols and principles of Kwanzaa.

A candle lighting ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

There will be children who will light seven candles symbolizing the seven principles of Kwanzaa. Poetry will also be read by students.

There will be a dinner at 7. The feast will feature soul foods, traditional foods eaten by African-Americans. These include spinach dishes and Benne cakes with sesame seeds. Sesame seeds bring good luck in the African tradition.

All students and faculty are invited to celebrate African-American culture at Kwanzaa. If you are interested or have a question about Kwanzaa, call the Multicultural Student Services Office at X6508.

Winter Concerts

By TRACY PAULSEN
Editor

Join Clarke's Instrumental Ensemble, Cantabile Singers and Collegiate Singers this weekend for Clarke's annual winter concerts.

The 38-member Instrumental Ensemble, under the direction of David Resnick, will perform on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Jansen Music Hall.

The Ensemble will feature the new percussion section and sounds ranging from traditional music to Scottish dance tunes. Admission to the concert is free.

The Cantabile Singers, a 22-member women's choir directed by LaDonna Manternach, BVM, will join the Instrumental Ensemble in the concert on Saturday.

Among many other selections, the Singers will perform contemporary music and will end the concert in a joint peice with the Ensemble.

The Collegiate Singers will perform their winter concert on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel. There is no admission fee for Clarke students. Tickets for others are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens and \$2 for children under 12.

The Singers will perform seven selections and will feature junior soloists Allison Bedford and Elizabeth Krajnovich and sophomore Rose Hobert.

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EVENTS

FRIDAY

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Dubuque Fighting Saints vs. Omaha
Five Flags Center Arena 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

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Christmas craft fair
Five Flags Center Arena 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Mitten tree party for kids in Dubuque area
Cafeteria 1-3 p.m.
Dubuque Symphony Holiday Concert
Five Flags Center 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Clarke's winter concert: Instrumental ensembles & Clarke Cantabile Singers
JMH 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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Christmas Craft Fair
Five Flags Center Arena 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Clarke Collegiate Singers
Winter concert JMH 8 p.m.
Dubuque Symphony Holiday Concert
Five Flags Center Arena 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

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Kwanzaa Tri-college celebration
Candle lighting Clarke's Sacred Heart Chapel 6 p.m.
Karamu (feast) Atrium 7 p.m.
Jury recital JMH 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

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Country dancing
Dubuque fairgrounds 7-11 p.m.
Movie Men In Black
Union 9 p.m.

Who should live in Clarke's new apartment building?

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"Cops" on campus?
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Clarke radio station
may hit the airwaves.
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Tommy Haggas

gray areas

Why it's okay to love Husker football

Okay, let's talk football, or more specifically, Nebraska



Cornhusker football. I'm a Nebraska native and, as a result, a big Husker fan. I get this funny feeling that a lot of the country doesn't like the Huskers. Americans seem more partial to the teams of Florida, Florida State, Michigan, and Notre Dame.

When it comes to Husker football, what's not to like?

First, you need to understand the position Nebraska, the state, is in athletically. There are no professional sports teams in or even near Nebraska. The closest city being Kansas City. So having only one major college, we follow the University of Nebraska with unending loyalty.

Secondly, Nebraska, geologically speaking, is pretty boring. It's relatively flat land, only half of which can actually grow corn. You have lots of land and thousands of youngsters with little to do. So we play football. Football

is the one sport that you can play with just about anything. A sweatshirt wound up tight enough, a pumpkin, or even a Cabbage Patch Kid all make great footballs.

Lastly, there is something magic about it. There is this undying love among Huskers fans. When we lose, we complain together. When we win, we riot together. It's rather touching. All this stems from a love for the game.

In the November 21 issue of *USA Today*, there was a list of the top 25 teams, their coaches and how much they make. The average coach makes \$510,956.28, with Florida coach Steve Spurrier making almost \$2 million. Nebraska coach Tom Osborne makes around \$400,000.

Now Nebraska is number two and is hoping for a piece of the national title again. Although the team performs consistently, Osborne coaches for the game and the pride of Nebraska, not the money. That's why I love Nebraska football.

TO THE Editor

Dear Editor:

A lot of people at Clarke, including myself, are very upset with the quality of the sports section in the *Courier*. Sports here at Clarke is a big part of students' college experience.

Seventy-five percent of the page is usually made up of advertisements. This week there was a column about the Chicago Bears and another story about two girls on the volleyball team.

What about every other team that has played this year? I never know what happened in Clarke sports the previous week because the scores aren't even in the paper. Who would rather hear about the Bears than their friends in their big game last week?

Last year, there was at least a paragraph on every team that competed. Why did that stop?

What about press releases? If the *Telegraph Herald* thinks it is important to print Clarke scores, why doesn't our sports editor?

Last year, there were always a few pictures of athletes each week. How come there aren't any pictures on our sports section? Soccer, women's volleyball, cross country, tennis, and golf are all done with their seasons and only got minimal recognition in the paper, if any. What happened to the "Athlete of the Week." Wasn't that a big part of the paper?

What's going to happen the rest of the year? I think this year's changes in the sports section made a big turn for the worse.

Scott Schuessler

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The Talk Around

The groundbreaking has occurred and Clarke's new apartment building is becoming visible right before the eyes of students. But how is Clarke going to choose who will live in the new complex next year? Some students gave their opinions on how this selection should be made.

Junior Suzie Johnson: "Clarke should have criteria that will create a diverse community in the new apartment complex instead of basing it on a person's GPA and having just a high percentage of brains."

Junior Adam Hines: "Personally I would just like to live off campus because it would save the time and hassle of trying to attain a room in one apartment building."

Senior Jason Koltes: "Rumor has it that five-year physical therapy students won't have the option of living in the apartments because they have to be able to live there a full year. I feel that this is unfair and that everyone should have an equal opportunity."

Sophomore Scott Schuessler: "Juniors and seniors should be allowed first-come first-serve and there should be an equal guy to girl ratio -- not like Fran, where there are two-thirds girls and one-third guys."

Junior Catherine Bowman: "The point system is a good idea because it rewards students who are involved in activities. However, it would be hard to know where to draw the line with students who have different majors, activities and jobs."

Junior Todd Heiden: "The building should be for students 21 or older. It should be a wet build-

ing like Fran because we need more alternative living at Clarke and this means providing more choices for upperclassmen."

Junior Molly Junk: "If Clarke wants this complex to be an alternative plan for upperclass housing, then we should be treated like adults in order to get in. It shouldn't be different from any other room lottery."

Senior Ryan Heuer: "Rumors are going around that if you transfer in, credits from your other school aren't going to be considered for the requirements of the apartments. If your credits transfer to Clarke, then being a transfer student should not count against your getting into the building."

Junior Jodi Vehuizen: "The requirements should be the same as the ones for Fran. As long as your friends and you fit the regulations and get good numbers for room draw, I don't see why Clarke should have a problem selecting students."

Senior Chris Brees: "Clarke should base their selection on disciplinary acts and look into who has been written up or has gotten in trouble at Clarke instead of looking at a person's GPA, activities, and community service. Some people have to work and are very involved in their majors, making it hard to have time for extras."

— Kathleen Serrurier

AIDS continued from page one

Tammy Lenz, Mary Benedict Hall resident director and a member of the committee organizing the AIDS events at Clarke, believes that students will be educated through these activities and learn how to protect themselves from AIDS.

"Students need to take care of and protect themselves," said Lenz. "They believe they can never be infected with the AIDS virus. Students need to be careful because they can be infected; it does happen."

Lenz, who has had previous experience with AIDS and HIV through her Red Cross training, said "It is very important to educate students. These activities will make people more aware of what is going on. We are trying to do more activities than before."

There will be a panel of the AIDS quilt on display in the

Chapel during the first week of December. Red ribbons will also be available during the week in the Atrium.

On Thursday people walked around campus with arm bands representing the number of people with AIDS.

There was also a panel discussion with individuals who have AIDS or HIV and a showing of the movie, "And the Band Played On," a fictionalized account of how AIDS began in the US.



The closing ceremony for Clarke's AIDS Awareness week will be held in the chapel at 8 p.m. on Dec. 7.

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By Angela Petit
Staff Reporter

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"RA's as cops overlooks positive contribution"

By CHRIS CLAPHAM
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Move afoot to revive radio station

Soon campus may be tuning into student voices

By Angela Petit
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The station was transmitted on a low frequency that could only be picked up on campus. The transmitter was located on the roof of Mary Benedict Hall. When it broke down, it wasn't cost-efficient to replace it.

The new station would be cable-cast, meaning it would be broadcast over the cable system, which is already partially in place as of this year. The cable hook-ups run to the dorms come to a head in the Audio Visual (AV) room.

The signal would be sent through the cable line to the modulator in the AV lab, where it would change the modulation and distribute it to the new channel..

If the station is cable-cast, it will be less expensive because it will use what

is already in place. The transmitter won't have to be replaced. The station will also be on a closed circuit, which does not have to be restricted to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) guidelines.

There will probably be limited broadcast hours to begin with that could be extended once the station is up and running.

Since the station will be cable-

cast, it will be picked up on the new Clarke channel which will broadcast several different programs from student activities to class room activities. The station could feature several types of programs such as news features, foreign language broadcasts and music and sports coverage.

The station will have to be student staffed with a faculty advisor, much like the student newspaper. "It should be run as professionally as it possibly can be," DeCrane said.

He said departments could work together to use the station

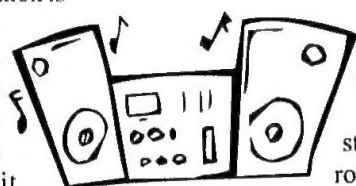
to complement course work.

"It's going to be a lot of work, but once there's a big enough staff, programs could be added," said DeCrane.

Money has to be raised to purchase the equipment needed.

A few students are now working to help get the station off the ground. Junior Tommy Haggas, a drama/communications major, is one of them.

"I think it'll be a good opportunity to bring the campus together," said Haggas. "Plus, it's a good experience for people to build their resumes and for communication majors and others who want to learn about the broadcast system."



"RA's as cops" view overlooks positive contribution to hall life

By CHRIS CLAPHAM
Staff Reporter

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it is one of the unpleasant things that comes with the job.

Kim Plasscheart a junior and a RA in Mary Benedict, the all girls dorm, said things were different this year. This year the nightly rounds are done with two other

"Even when you're not on call or in the building, people still think of you as an RA," says Colleen.

RA's: "You don't have to feel like you're alone while you're on rounds. You're part of a team."

Kim adds, "I like to build a cohesive floor." She decorated her floor with pencil-shaped door signs for every resident, and helps them by posting a calendar of events and phone list outside of her door.

Kim said the funniest thing she ever saw as an RA was when somebody had their rear end stuck in a sink in the bathroom.



David Michael Nevins, director of student life, poses with many members of his staff and the RA's.

Senior Colleen Wilson, a Mary Fran RA, says a tough part of her job comes when she is off work. "Even when you're not on call or in the building, people still think of you as an RA," says Colleen.

Chad Oberbroeckling, another senior RA from Fran, says, "Fran has a more relaxed environment than Mary Jo. There isn't as much to worry about."

Being an RA sometimes means confronting friends. Mary Jo RA Kenyon Duner said he has been placed in situations this year that he would not have had to face last year when he was not an RA. Confronting friends and stress are situations that are new to Duner. Most RA's agree that confronting a

friend is one of the hardest things to do on the job, but sometimes it is the only option.

Duner sees beyond the pitfalls. He sees himself as being in a position to change the living structure. He also said that he feels as though he is able to help by answering residents' questions.

Mary Fran Resident Director Tim Ehlinger, who was the resident director, of Mary Jo last year, says the atmosphere of Mary Fran is a more respectful one. Tim also said that discipline is his least favorite and the toughest part of the job. He is

also in charge of supervising the RA's, helping with any resident problems, and directing maintenance questions to the proper places. Tim oversees the hall council meetings and works for student life enrichment.

With all of the responsibilities these people have, being an RA can be a dirty job, but somebody has to do it.

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Hoops start off with a bang...

Crusaders begin season as Central College tournament champions

by DARREN DYKSTRA
Sports Reporter

The 1996-1997 men's basketball team didn't quite have the season they had expected last year, but did, however, end the season with a bang. This season the Crusaders have picked things up right where they left off.

The Crusaders (2-2), opened the season by dominating their competitors, Graceland and Greenville Colleges, picking up back-to-back wins in a Central College tournament in Pella, Iowa.

Clarke defeated Graceland College by nine points and followed that victory with a convincing 35 point trouncing of Greenville.

When asked how this year's team compared to last years, junior Todd Heiden said, "When the season ended last year, we were right where we wanted to be. We were playing at the tempo that we should have been playing at all season. We are playing at the tempo right now, and things are going good for us."

The 1997-1998 Crusader team has entitled their season "A New Attitude and Chemistry."

Junior Derek Crabill said, "Coach Davison really has us together as a team. Coach has us bonded together as a family, which is a key ingredient to a successful team."

The Crusaders, who have lost their last two contests, have been extremely competitive in both

games. The team traveled to Mt. Mercy to take on the Mustangs and dropped a tough game by one point.

Clarke then returned to Dubuque to take on the University of Dubuque. This physically tough battle ended in a loss for the Crusaders in overtime.

Crabill also had this to say about the attitude of this years squad. "The attitude is consistently positive throughout both halves of the game. After posting a 3-23 season last year, and then coming out and winning our first two ball games, this season has left us with all the confidence that we really can do it this year."



photo by Jake Tomko

Coach Jon Davison explains a technique to freshman Rob Arlandson, while Derek Crabill and Dave Sebranek look on during a Crusader basketball practice.

News from the sidelines

Clarke Holiday Tournament is a first

By MIKE CYZE
Sports Editor

Well, it seems as though the year is passing by quicker than usual, and it's hard to believe that there are only three more weeks before Christmas break.

While most of us will be home sleeping and eating after Christmas, there will be students still on campus to participate in various athletic activities.

The men's basketball team will be meeting December 24 to leave for New Orleans, LA. On December 29, the Crusaders will play against Xavier University of Louisiana.

After they return from their trip, both the Men's and Women's teams will participate in the first Clarke College Holiday Tournament from December 31- January 4. The tournament will consist of eight men's teams and eight women's teams from throughout the area.



Clarke decided to hold their own tournament this year when Loras College decided to move the National Catholic Basketball Tournament (NCBT) to November.

This left open the opportunity for Clarke to hold its own tournament and continue the interest that the NCBT started in having a holiday sporting event.

Athletic director

Lon Boike and

men's head coach John Davison are serving as the executive co-directors of the tournament along with former Clarke head coach Ed Colbert and Jan Leiser of Irwin/McGraw-Hill.

So while you are at home eating leftovers and sitting on the couch watching TV, remember that there are still people who are representing Clarke College, and displaying our pride.

Even though it's a little early, good luck to all of the teams that will be playing over the Christmas break.



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13	vs. Luther	7:00 p.m.
29	@ Xavier - LA	TBA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

6	@ Wisconsin Lutheran	1:30 p.m.
12	vs. Comcordia - MN	5:30 p.m.
29	vs. Mt. Mercy	7:00 p.m.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

5	vs. Lakeland	7:45 p.m.
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• Opportunity to Relax

Are the stresses of finals getting to you? Relax and sign up for a massage by physical therapy majors. The COSPT's

Massage Clinic will be held on Friday, Dec. 12, from noon to 5 p.m. in the physical therapy classroom on the lower level of Catherine Byrne Hall. The organization is asking for a \$2 donation which will buy you a three to minute massage. Walk-ins welcome.

• Christmas Dinner

The annual Clarke Christmas Dinner is tonight, Friday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m., in the Atrium. The reception will begin at 6 p.m. in the main room at 6 p.m. for students, faculty and staff. \$6.00 for others.

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